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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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10-2-01Applicants:  
Walker et al.

Application No.: 09/345,092

Filed: June 30, 1999

For: VENDING MACHINE SYSTEM  
AND METHOD FOR  
ENCOURAGING THE PURCHASE  
OF PROFITABLE ITEMS

Customer No. 22927



) Group Art Unit: 2162

) Examiner: J. Young

) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
) **to the Non-final Office Action**  
) **Mailed March 20, 2001**  
) **(Paper No. 7)**) Attorney Docket No. 98-119  
) (Please note new docket number)) Walker Digital Corporation  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 20, 2001, (Paper No. 7), entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks into the above identified application is respectfully requested.

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